THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Complaints of non-payments of salaries to Indian workers working in construction companies/industries are received from time to time. On receipt of such complaints, the Indian Mission/Post contacts the employer to solve the problem amicably. In cases where a solution is not reached, workers are advised to file complaints with the Labour Ministry of UAE.

(c) to (e) With a view to curb the exploitation of Indian workers going aborad for employment, it has been made mandatory *w.e.f.* 15.11.2003 for the Recruiting Agents to submit all the employment documents, viz., demand letter, power of attorney and specimen employment contract in original for obtaining emigration clearance. Further, in respect of vulnerable categories of workers, i.e., unskilled labour and housemaids/domestic workers; and in respect of nine countries, viz., Yemen, Lebanon, Libya, Tanzania, Israel, Jordan, Sudan, Kuwait and Brunei, these employment documents are required to be attested by the concerned Indian Mission(s). In addition, our missions have with the help of Community welfare Association and other Community support groups been providing legal assistance/counseling to protect the interests of Indian Workers.

Questionnaire from UN Committee

2749. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any questionnaire was received from the United Nations Committee on counter terrorism following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the USA enquiring about the measures being pursued in India to strengthen anti-terrorist measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the measures under implementation and contemplated by the Government especially in pursuance of the Security Council Resolution No. 1373;

(d) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs also coordinated in the formulation of the said questionnaire; and

(e) if so, the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (e) Following the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1373 on September 28, 2001 under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. This resolution places binding obligations on all Member States to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and requires them to take various measures in this context. A Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) was set up under this resolution. The Member States are required to submit reports to the CTC and the steps taken and planned to implement Resolution 1373.

Government of India has submitted four reports to the CTC, in December 2001, July 2002, March 2003 and May 2004, respectively. In these reports, the Government has furnished details of several counter-terrorism measures taken by it to deny all forms of financial support to terrorist groups; suppress the provision of safe haven, sustenance or support to terrorists, share information with other governments on any groups practicing or planning terrorist acts; co-operate with other governments in the investigation, detection, arrest and prosecution of those involved in such acts; criminalise assistance for terrorism and bring violators of the law to justice.

These reports have been prepared in consultation and coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs and other relevant Ministries/Departments of the Government.

Incidents of Fake Visas

†2750. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of sending Indians abroad on fake visa are taking place continuously;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government so far to check it and the decline registered as a result thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to save the people from getting trapped in fake visa racket?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.